



## PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

<b>Application No</b>	2025/0907
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of boundary fence and new vehicle restraint system.
<b>Address</b>	Digital Media Centre, County Way, Barnsley, S70 2JW
<b>Date of Consultation Reply</b>	18/11/2025
<b>Consultee</b>	Katie Lawrence, Planning Ecologist

### Consultation Assessment and Justification

Thank you for consulting me regarding the above application. The proposals are exempt from Biodiversity Net Gain, meeting the de minimis exemption, with the proposed boundary fencing and vehicle restraint system being proposed within areas of existing hardstanding. No adverse impacts upon designated nature conservation sites, habitats of value or species of importance are anticipated as a result of the proposals.

When referring to aerial photographs there appears to be a group of trees beyond the site boundary to the east in proximity of where the fencing is proposed. If any pruning works are required when the fencing is installed this should be undertaken outside of the nesting bird season (March – August inclusive) or immediately proceeding a check by an appropriately qualified ecologist where active nests are confirmed to be absent. This measure can be added as an informative if permission is granted.

**NO OBJECTION\***

**Defer for amends/further information\***

**OBJECT\***

#### Consultation Informative(s):

The applicant is reminded that under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended (Section 1), it is an offence to remove, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or being built. Planning consent for a development does not provide a defence against prosecution under this act. The nesting bird season is considered to be between 1 March and 31 August inclusive, however some species can nest outside of this period. Suitable habitat for nesting birds is present on/adjacent to the application site and should be assumed to contain nesting birds between the above dates unless a recent survey has been undertaken by a competent ecologist to assess the nesting bird activity on site during this period and has shown it is certain that nesting birds are not present.